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January 12, 1995

Larry Bruce Goodman, Esq. 10 Evans Place Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444

Re: Case # 94-77

Deanna & Joseph Melone

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 30, 1994 the Board determined that a fine of \$1,500.00, plus costs be imposed for your client, George N. Bliebtreu's failure to render proper veterinary care to the Melone's pet dog "Christie" in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). Specifically, the Board found that Dr. Bliebtreu failed to:

- take radiograph(s);
- 2. establish a clinical path;
- 3. prepare adequate records with respect to his dental treatment;
- 4. arrive at a diagnosis; and
- 5. recognize clinical signs of a worsening condition.

The costs in this matter are \$181.50 bringing the penalty plus costs to a total of \$1,681.50.

Dr. Bliebtreu is hereby afforded the opportunity to dispose of this matter without a hearing and without recourse to litigation by executing the attached form and returning it to the Board within ten (10) days together with his remittance made payable to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in the amount of \$1,681.50.

If Dr. Bliebtreu wishes to have a hearing in this matter, he should do so within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. At the time of hearing, Dr. Bliebtreu may appear with counsel of his choice and with witnesses and documentary evidence. If no request for a hearing is received within the period stated above, the Board will make its determination on the evidence in the record and will take such action as may be allowed by law.

If Dr. Bliebtreu does request a hearing, the Board will not be bound by the terms stated in this letter, and may, after evaluation of all the evidence presented, impose any of the sanctions contained in N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 which include revocation or suspension of licensure and assessment of the penalties up to \$2,500 per violation. You and Dr. Bliebtreu should also be aware that the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that herein offered in settlement. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts warrant, enter an order requiring the restoration of any monies acquired by unlawful acts, the payment of all costs involved in this matter and may direct that you cease and desist from the continued practice of acts found to be unlawful by the Board.

If Dr. Bliebtreu does not reply to this letter within the required ten (10) day period, then the Board may assess additional penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21, based on the fact that you have failed to respond to official Board correspondence.

Very truly yours,

Marianne C. Kehoe Executive Director

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1) \$ 1,681.50 Certified CAX# 129790.

CERTIFICATION

SOARD OF VETERINARY

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

I, George N. Bliebtreu, hereby admit to the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and remit herewith a certified check or money order in the amount of \$1,681.50.

admit to the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) but wish to submit a written explanation to the Board to use as a mitigating factor in determining a final civil penalty.

I am not guilty of this violation and request an administrative hearing on this matter.

Signature

Date

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